

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on July 6, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Response to Amendment

The following is in response to the amendment filed on July 6, 2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 4-15 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 1, 4, 8-10, 12, and 13 are allowed, because the prior art does not disclose or suggest an arrangement for measuring properties of a moving web that includes at least an unmoving plane-like web support surface extending over the whole width of the web and having an opening therein that also extends over the whole width of the web through which measuring means are arranged.

Claims 5-7 are allowed, because the prior art does not disclose or suggest an arrangement for measuring properties of a moving web that includes at least an unmoving plane-like support surface extending over the whole width of the web that supports the web in a non-contact manner and having an opening therein through which measuring means are arranged.

Claim 11 is allowed, because the prior art does not disclose or suggest an arrangement for measuring properties of a moving web that includes at least an unmoving plane-like support surface extending over the whole width of the web and having an opening therein through which measuring means comprising at least one transmitter and at least one receiver are arranged.

Claims 14-15 are allowed, because the prior art does not disclose or suggest an arrangement for measuring properties of a moving web that includes at least an unmoving plane-like support surface extending over the whole width of the web and having an opening therein

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through which measuring means are arranged, whereby the opening is at least two successive openings in the web travel direction.

Allowable subject matter was indicated previously.

Response to Arguments

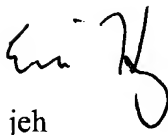
Applicant's remarks in response to the office action of February 14, 2005 have been considered. The amendments to the claims have overcome the objections to claims 9 and 10 set forth previously, and have overcome all rejections set forth previously based on Lippke (US 3,713,966), Typpo (US 4,789,431), Gotchel (US 4,311,037).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Hug whose telephone number is 571 272-1192. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571 272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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